



April 15, 2019

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Kris Monteith, Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Election of Incentive Regulation for Business Data Services
Otelco, Inc.
WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25**

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Otelco, Inc. ("Company") hereby provides notice to the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election to convert to incentive regulation for Business Data Services ("BDS") effective July 1, 2019, in Study Area Code Study Area Code 250282, 250283, 250300, 250312 in Alabama; 103315, 100020, 100022 in Maine; 110036 in Massachusetts; 421917 in Missouri; and 200258 in West Virginia.

The Federal Communications Commission's *Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order* instructed carriers "electing to convert to incentive regulation effective July 1, 2019 to provide the Bureau with notice of their election by May 1, 2019".¹ The Company is a rate-of-return authorized Alternative Connect America Model carrier eligible to make this election, and elects incentive regulation for BDS services effective July 1, 2019. The Company is an issuing carrier of the John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 ("JSI Tariff") and will file BDS rates under the incentive regulation framework in the JSI Tariff 2019 annual access tariff filing.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions on the Company's election of incentive regulation for BDS described herein.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dennis Andrews".

Dennis Andrews, Senior Vice President
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¹ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25, Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-146, (rel. Oct. 24, 2018) (*Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order*).